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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **UM NAMES NEW HONORS COLLEGE DEAN**

#### **MISSOULA –**

Maryland educator James McKusick has been hired as dean of The Davidson Honors College at The University of Montana, Provost Lois Muir announced Monday.

McKusick currently serves as director of the Honors College at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He starts his UM position on July 1.

During his 20 years at UMBC, McKusick has taught English literature and served in a variety of administrative positions, including scheduling officer and English department chair. His varied administrative experience has been supplemented by significant scholarship and leadership to the wider UMBC community through service on a number of committees and councils.

“Dean McKusick is devoted to the pursuit of excellence, both as a faculty member and as an administrator,” Muir said.

Whether he’s addressing students, faculty, parents or alumni, McKusick said, “I challenge them to become more fully engaged with the central purposes of a public university, which I regard as essentially threefold: the pursuit of learning, professional development and civic engagement.”

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